

PRESS RELEASE (2 pages)

## **FENTANYL VICTIMS' FAMILIES ORGANIZE TO FIGHT ILLICIT in NC!**

### **Fentvic Meet-up #3 for Fayetteville, Cumberland County NC (open to public)**

Sunday, 7/30/23, 2-4PM

Mt Pisgah Baptist Church, 3350 Butler Nursery Road, Fayetteville NC 28306

#### **WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO COVER?**

1. Help save lives by educating the public about the dangers of fentanyl
2. Educate law enforcement and district attorneys about fentanyl
3. Meet Fayetteville and Cumberland County families damaged by fentanyl
4. Hear and share their stories to make their communities safer!

**STATISTICS** (sources & data can be found on page 2 or on the [fentvic.org](http://fentvic.org) website under Resources Tab, scroll down to NC County Reports and NC OCME reports)

- 603 fentanyl deaths in last 9 years in Cumberland County
- = 603 families permanently damaged by fentanyl
- 13,671 NC residents killed by fentanyl 2013-August 2022
- 8 more NC residents die each day from fentanyl poisoning
- Fentanyl is #1 killer of NC and US residents ages 14-35

**FENTANYL DEATHS IN CUMBERLAND AND ADJACENT COUNTIES** (sources & data can be found on page 2 or on the [fentvic.org](http://fentvic.org) website under Resources Tab, scroll down to NC County Reports and NC OCME reports)

- 603 fentanyl deaths Cumberland, Jan-Aug 2022=107
- 300 fentanyl deaths Robeson, Jan-Aug 2022=55
- 203 fentanyl deaths Harnett, Jan-Aug 2022=29
- 57 fentanyl deaths Hoke, Jan-Aug 2022=12
- 59 fentanyl deaths Sampson, Jan-Aug 2022=9
- 54 fentanyl deaths Bladen, Jan-Aug 2022=7

#### **FENTANYL DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE!**

- Victims don't know fake pills contain deadly fentanyl additives!
- Fentanyl kills babies, toddlers, middle/high schoolers, college students and young adults
- Fentanyl is #1 killer of NC and US residents ages 14-35 (CDC 2022)

#### **PRESS CONTACTS**

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For journalists and the public: Below are links to NC County Fentanyl Fatality Reports & Sources which were referenced in the **Press Release for Fentvic Meet-up #3 in Fayetteville Cumberland and adjacent Counties**. Each link has a table with graph containing 9 years of data on ALL NC County medication/drug fatalities along with fentanyl fatality data. These reports can be found and downloaded for all 100 NC Counties from the Fentanyl Victims of North Carolina website [fentvic.org](https://fentvic.org).

The data sources are included on each report. Fentvic generates these reports from quarterly data updates provided to Fentanyl Victims Network of North Carolina by North Carolina Division of Public Health Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, Epidemiology, Surveillance, and Informatics Unit.

**Cumberland County**

603 fentanyl deaths 2013-Aug 2022, 107 fentanyl deaths Jan-Aug 2022

[https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Cumberland\\_County.pdf](https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Cumberland_County.pdf)

**Robeson County**

300 fentanyl deaths 2013-Aug 2022, 55 fentanyl deaths Jan-Aug 2022

[https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Robeson\\_County.pdf](https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Robeson_County.pdf)

**Harnett County**

203 fentanyl deaths 2013-Aug 2022, 29 fentanyl deaths Jan-Aug 2022

[https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Harnett\\_County.pdf](https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Harnett_County.pdf)

**Hoke County**

57 fentanyl deaths 2013-Aug 2022. 12 fentanyl deaths, Jan-Aug 2022

[https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Hoke\\_County.pdf](https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Hoke_County.pdf)

**Sampson County**

59 fentanyl deaths 2013-Aug 2022. 9 fentanyl deaths Jan-Aug 2022

[https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Sampson\\_County.pdf](https://fentanylvictimsnetworknc.org/wp-content/uploads/reports/Sampson_County.pdf)

**Bladen County**

54 fentanyl deaths 2013-Aug 2022. 7 fentanyl deaths Jan-Aug 2022

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